

## **Herd Health/CWD Management Action Team Meeting**

04/06/13

**Attendees:** Mike Foy, Marc Schultz, Julie Langenberg, Jim Riphon, Robert Benson, Bryan Richards, Dave Clausen, Mark McCaulley, & Joe Weiss

### **Welcome, Introduction, and Action Team Overview & Ground Rules**

- Action team members introduce themselves and give a brief personal and professional background
- Joe Weiss is identified as the reporter and will perform the end of meeting report out
- Ground rules and the decision process are summarized
- Review of the DTR Action Team action item development process for those that missed the first meeting
- Participation Agreements signed and collected
- Assignment Sheet four question & 14 DTR Herd Health/CWD recommendation review
- Colored dot priority ranking exercise performed of 14 DTR Herd Health/CWD recommendations with future meeting date discussion items planned
- DTR Herd Health/CWD recommendation priority rankings:
  1. Charlotte the Deer should become the “Smokey Bear” of CWD in Wisconsin, serving as the centerpiece for a public education program developed with stakeholder organizations such as QDMA, Whitetails of Wisconsin, & Whitetails Unlimited
  2. The time required to receive CWD test results from hunter-killed animals must be decreased to a few days
  3. In the long-term, we recommend developing a wildlife disease unit to:
    - respond quickly to CWD outbreaks
    - monitor health and disease of other wildlife species
    - train and support local biologists/technicians in conducting annual herd health surveys
  4. There is a need to provide more information about concerns for humans contracting a CWD variant
  5. An annual meeting of DMAP cooperators would be an excellent venue for reporting on various aspects of CWD, in addition to the topics discussed earlier. This would greatly enhance public awareness and WDNR credibility.

6. Dealing with wildlife diseases is not unlike responding to wild fires, and response plan should be developed on this model, focusing on early detection of “break outs” and citizen involvement
7. We believe it is time to consider a more passive approach to CWD in the DMZ
8. We recommend implementation of a statewide DMAP program; and, nowhere is such a program needed more than in the DMZ
9. There is a clear need for a new sampling protocol for CWD in Wisconsin, one that gives a true picture of the progress of the disease; but more importantly, one designed to detect spread
10. Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zone
11. Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone
12. Consider charging a fee for antlerless tags in the CWD Zone
13. WDNR should work closely (through the local biologist) with the Conservation Congress in developing goals and strategies at the county level. We feel use of human dimensions research to anticipate, rather than reacting to issues as they arise would be very effective.
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## **Presentations**

- Overview of CWD Prevalence & Trends Calculations – Robert Rolley, WI DNR
  - An overview of CWD prevalence, surveillance, and trends was given within the CWD-MZ as well as the rest of the state
  - Specific sex/age prevalence data for subsections within counties within the CWD-MZ
- Overview of CWD Management, Modifications in Surveillance Methods, Challenges, & Successes – Tim Lizotte, WI DNR
  - Review of CWD Surveillance, Monitoring, & Management over the past 10+ years
  - Areas where the CWD RP & DTR do and do *not* align
  - Disposal, funding, & other challenges that WI DNR continues to face

## **Meeting Report Out**

- Report out discussed and performed by Joe Weiss